gracious and agreed to have the words "benevolent associations and operations" added to their report and I thought better to take their "report" and *interpret* it to the convention rather than go into a scuffle and beat them by a small majority.

Do not attribute my seeming neglect of you to a want of sympathy with the objects of your enterprise I am positively fill over full with toils connected with my present and prospective business—

I shall know in two weeks *where* I locate and what I do. There are two Institutions which wish me to locate with them—

Love to Br. Tappan
In all haste farewell
Yr Br.
J. Blanchard

Rev. J. B. Blanchard
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Dear Brother Phelps

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On my way to take Boat for a thousand miles journey I receive your note by Dr Bailey as I call at the Office — I sit down to say that I am to be gone three weeks, and will see what can be done for you when I get back —

It is a tolerably painful operation to amputate my Pastoral relation and get the arteries tied — I believe every soul of my church opposes my going west — but for various reasons I feel called of God to embark in this college enterprise.

I was much embarrassed at Detroit to know exactly what to do. Now see what a weight of doctors of divinity I had on my back in the Committee — I wrote a counter-Report and would have presented it but they talked